Agency wants feedback from Will County residents

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency on Planning asks for public input

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Recently, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency on Planning has been working on its "On To 2050 Transportation Plan" and is asking for input from Will County residents.

The plan is broken down into three separate principles to maximize growth in the region: inclusive growth, resilience and prioritized investment, according to a news release from Will County Executive Larry Walsh's office.

Ten open houses are scheduled across Will County to encourage input from residents.

"This is an excellent opportunity for our residents to have their voices heard about the future of community development and transportation projects in our county," Walsh said. "One important local project included in this draft plan is the improvements along Interstate 80 in Will County. Will County residents need to register their concerns for this and other critical projects throughout our region."

The plan builds upon ideas outlined during the Go To 2040 plans. CMAP continues to examine current conditions and trends by working with stakeholders to research and develop strategies to identify significant regional projects.

This plan is crucial to decision-makers of several important projects in the Will County area, the release states.

"It is important to see Will County as an integral part of the entire Chicagoland region," Walsh said. "As home to the world's largest inland port, Will County plays a significant role in the region's transportation network and is a major economic development engine for the state of Illinois. We need to remain actively involved."

The Will County open house will be from 4 to 7 p.m. July 11 in the community room of New Lenox Village Hall, located at 1 Veterans Parkway in New Lenox.

Residents can view a draft of the plan and share their comments online at cmap.illinois.gov/onto2050.